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REGION III
841 Chestnut Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-4431

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Mr. Bruce Horrocks
Township Manager
Hilltown Township
P.O. Box 260
Hilltown, PA 18927

Re: Dublin TCE Superfund Site
Hilltown Township Water Line Extension
Residential Offer to Connect

Dear Bruce:

EPA recently sent a letter to 22 residents or businesses in Hilltown Township offering a connection to the proposed water line extension. A copy of the letter and a list of addressees is enclosed for your information. EPA has requested that those receiving the letter inform EPA of their decision regarding their acceptance of the offer by December 15, 1995.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please call me at (215) 597-8257.

Sincerely,

Patrick McManus
Remedial Project Manager

Enclosure



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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Dear :

This is a follow up to the EPA letter sent to you on April 19, 1995 regarding the extension of a public water supply line into Hilltown Township. This is to formally inform you that EPA has decided to proceed with the proposed water line extension project. The proposed extension would provide public water to homes and businesses on portions of Route 313, Rickert Road, and Quarry Road in Hilltown Township. Sampling of wells in this area indicates that TCE contamination from the Dublin TCE Superfund Site could adversely affect the quality of drinking water from wells in this area.

This is to formally offer you a connection to the proposed water line. If you agree to accept EPA's offer at this time, EPA will pay for all costs associated with the connection to the extended water main. However, each home owner will be responsible for the payment of the quarterly water bills. It is estimated that quarterly water bills could cost between \$50 and \$75 based on an estimated water use of between 15,000 and 18,000 gallons per quarter. EPA plans to complete the design of the water line extension this winter, with construction beginning in the spring of 1996. The estimated completion date is currently slated for October 1996.

If you decide to maintain your current well water supply and not connect to the water line, you will be fully responsible for maintaining a safe water supply in the future, **this offer will not be available to you in the future.** Attachment 1 provides some additional discussion on the benefits and impacts of the water line extension that you should consider when deciding whether to accept the connection.

If you agree to accept a connection to the proposed public water supply, please complete the attached right of entry form and return the signed form to EPA by **December 15, 1995** in the self-addressed envelope provided. If you do not respond to this request, it will be assumed that you have declined the offer. By signing the right of entry form, you grant to EPA and its

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contractor permission to enter your property to connect your home to the public water supply system. The form also allows you to choose whether you want to maintain your existing well for outside use or to have your well closed and sealed. Please indicate which option that you would prefer when completing the form.

If you have any further questions or concerns about the water line extension project, please call me at (215) 597-8257 or Carolyn Szumal, Community Relations Coordinator at (215) 597-6911.

Sincerely,



Patrick McManus
Remedial Project Manager

Enclosures

cc: Carolyn Szumal, 3HW02
Mike Timchik, PADER - Conshohocken Office
Bruce Horrocks, Hilltown Township Manager

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RIGHT OF ENTRY

Consent is hereby granted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), its contractors, agents, and other authorized representatives to enter upon the property owned by the person(s) whose signature(s) appear(s) below and located at 201 S. Route 313 in Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania as necessary to connect the water distribution system on the property to the public water supply.

The Right of Entry shall be for the duration of the term of the construction of the water line extension project.

Owner(s) Options (Please Check One):

- () EPA will also disconnect and seal any existing water supply well for the purpose of permanent closure.
- () EPA will also disconnect any existing water supply well from the in-house water distribution system and provide a non-freeze spigot for outside use only. The owner(s) agree(s) never to re-connect the well to the in-house water distribution system.

Date

Owner

Date

Owner (if jointly owned)

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ATTACHMENT 1

Benefits and Impacts of a Water Line Extension

Extension of a water line to homes in Hilltown Township is expected to result in long-term benefits to the affected residents. Potential adverse impacts are expected to be short-term.

Benefits

The most significant benefit of a water line extension is that a proven and permanent water supply would be provided to the affected and potentially residents. Public water supplies are regulated by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act to insure that safe drinking water is provided to the public. There is no such assurance to users of private water supplies.

In addition to offering protection to human health, several other benefits are likely to result from the extension of the public water supply.

- A public water line may improve the ability to sell residential property. Even when the health risks are considered acceptable, public perception often differs. Home buyers may be less interested in property with private wells in an area with existing or potential groundwater problems.

- Once a public water supply line is in place, fire hydrants will be provided. Hydrants provide additional fire protection and typically result in lower cost for home owners insurance.

Adverse Impacts

Adverse impacts associated with the construction of a water line extension are expected to be short-term. During construction, backhoes and other construction machinery are expected to result in an increase in background noise levels. Construction of the water line is also likely to result in dust and disturbance as trenches are excavated to place pipeline. When the pipeline is connected to individual homes, trenches will be excavated in resident's yards. Trees and shrubbery will be avoided and the area of disturbance will be limited as much as possible. After the line is connected to individual homes, the properties will be regraded and restored to as close to its original condition as possible with grass replanted and other disturbed landscape replaced by EPA's contractor.

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